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SUBJECT: UPDATED ESTIMATE OF 1975 BEEF EXPORTS TO US

STATE PASS AGRIC/FAS FOR ANDERSON, L & LP DIV

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1. AGATT FINDS BEEF EXPORT OUTLOOK FOR HONDURAS MUCH MORE BULLISH, AS IT IS IN GUATEMALA (REFTEL), AND REVISES FORECAST FROM PREVIOUS 27 MILLION POUNDS TO 32 MILLION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:
2. PRINCIPAL FACTOR IS BIG JUMP PAST 30 DAYS IN US IMPORT PRICES. HONDURAN PACKERS ALSO HAVE PROMISED GOH THEY WILL FULFILL VOLUNTARY GOAL AGREED UPON WITH USG. THIRD: CATTLEMEN ARE REDUCING HERDS BECAUSE THEY FEAR THAT PASTURES DECEMATED THIS SUMMER BY RECORD DROUGHT WILL BE EXHAUSTED ABOUT THREE MONTHS AFTER RAINY SEASON ENDS IN LATE OCTOBER.
3. SEVERAL PACKERS CONFIDENT OF COMPLETING 34.8 MILLION QUOTA TONUS, BUT SUCH A LARGE BALANCE REMAINS TO BE ACHIEVED THAT OTHERS ACKNOWLEDGE THERE MAY BE FRACTIONAL SHORTAGE. WE CHOOSE TO REDUCE OPTIMISM A BIT TO 2.8 MILLION SHORTFALL.
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